# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

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POWER FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of power-shortage in the country as on date State-wise;

(b) whether India has sought assistance from neighbouring countries to meet the shortfall and to improve the power situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) : The state-wise details of power shortage in the country during July, 2007 and April − July, 2007 are annexed.

(b) & (c) : India has agreements of co-operation with Bhutan and Nepal for exchange of power. The cooperation between India and Bhutan in the field of hydropower has been helpful in bridging the gap between demand and supply of electricity in the country. The bulk of power generated from hydroelectric projects at Tala (1020 MW), Chukha (336 MW) and Kurichhu (60 MW) in Bhutan, which have been implemented with technical and financial assistance of India, is exported to India.

The inter-border exchange of power between India and Nepal has also been taking place for mutual assistance in supplying power to border areas of the two countries under a bilateral arrangement with Nepal being net importer of power.

There is no agreement for exchange of power with any other country other than Bhutan and Nepal. However, discussions have been held with the South Asian countries in the fora of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) covering many areas of cooperation, including power.